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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6927

BILL NUMBER: SB 324

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Regulation of Advanced Practice Nurses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill places limitations on collaboration agreements between an advanced practice nurse and a physician. The bill provides that if an advanced practice nurse and a practitioner are operating in collaboration under a practice agreement: (1) the practitioner's practice location must be located not more than 50 miles from the advanced practice nurse's practice location; and (2) the advanced practice nurse may provide health care to a patient in accordance with the practice agreement only if the practitioner has performed a complete physical examination of the patient not more than one year before the advanced practice nurse provides the health care.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary-* A violation of the state nursing statute constitutes a Class B misdemeanor. The bill's provisions would be covered under the penalty provision of current nursing law.

Advanced Practice Nurses- As of December 2006, there were about 2,184 licensed advanced practice nurses.

Penalty Provision: If additional court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund (from fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) would increase. The maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000. However, any additional revenue would likely be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Penalty Provision:* A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions occur and a guilty verdict is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any change in revenue would likely be small.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Professional Licensing Agency.

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